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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S MEETING WITH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
DE LA PUENTE

1. DEPARTMENT'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT, CARRIED IN THE  
FEB 9 USIS WIRELESS FILE, THAT SECRETARY VANCE MEETING  
PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE TODAY, FEB 10,  
HAS BEGUN TO BREAK HERE.

2. CHILE'S TRADITIONAL SENSITIVITIES ABOUT PERU ARE  
HEIGHTENED BY THE GOP'S MASSIVE ARMS BUILDUP, THE PERUVIAN  
MILITARY'S REVANCHIST SPIRIT, AND CHILE'S OWN  
DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOC  
LEADERSHIP WILL BE VERY MUCH INCLINED TO PUT A WORST-CASE  
INTERPRETATION ON THE FACT THAT THE FIRST LATIN AMERICAN  
FOREIGN MINISTER SEEN BY SECRETARY VANCE IS DE LA PUENTE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL IS HOSTING A FAREWELL  
DINNER FOR CHILE'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., JORGE CAUAS,  
FRIDAY EVENING, FEB 11. CARVAJAL WILL CERTAINLY RAISE  
WITH US DE LA PUENTE'S CALL ON THE SECRETARY. IT  
WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE  
GUIDANCE - BEYOND THE USUAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS - REGARDING  
WHAT CARVAJAL MIGHT BE TOLD PRIVATELY ABOUT THE VANCE-  
DE LA PUENTE MEETING. CARVAJAL WILL PARTICULARLY WISH  
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TO BE INFORMED AS TO ANY U.S. VIEWS EXPRESSED ON PERU'S  
ARMS BUILDUP AND ITS PURCHASE OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT WITH  
ACCOMPANYING RUSSIAN AND CUBAN ADVISERS.  
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